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SUBJ: EXPOSED CLAIM OF RAYTHEON CORPORATION AND MACHLETT
LABORATORIES

REF: (A) STATE 25770, (B) ROME 18564

1. AS FOLLOW UP TO AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE TO FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI ON RAYTHEON CLAIM (REF. B), ECMIN ON NOVEMBER 22 RAISED ISSUE WITH AMBASSADOR MONDELLO, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MFA, ASKING FOR EXPEDITED RESPONSE TO PROLONGED U.S. CLAIM ON BEHALF OF RAYTHEON. MONDELLO PROFESSED BEING UNINFORMED ON STATUS OF GOI CONSIDERATION OF ISSUE AND REFERRED EMBASSY TO COUNSELOR SCAGLIA, DIRECTOR, OFFICE I, DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF MFA, WHO AGREED TO SEE COMCOUNSELOR DECEMBER 1.

2. AT DECEMBER 1 MEETING, COMCOUNSELOR REVIEWED LITANY OF NOTES VERBALES AND DEMARCHES OVER PERIOD THIS CLAIM AND SUGGESTED EMBASSY MERITED RESPONSE TO ITS MANY REPRESENTATIONS. SCAGLIA FIRST CLAIMED THAT INTERIOR MINISTRY WAS STILL SEARCHING FOR MISSING DOCUMENTATION THIS CASE, BUT UPON BEING REMINDED THAT WE WERE GIVEN SAME RESPONSE IN 1972-73 DURING NEGOTIATIONS PRECEDING DIPLOMATIC CLAIM, AND THAT PREFECT OF PALERMO AS WELL AS PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC HAD DETERMINED THAT THE MAYOR OF PALERMO'S ACTION IN REQUISITIONING THE ELSI PLANT WAS ILLEGAL, SCAGLIA WITHDREW TO CONSULT WITH COUNSELOR MANZARI AND DR. SCIOCCA LA GRANGE OF THE OFFICE OF DIPLOMATIC CLAIMS, MFA (INCIDENTALLY, THE SAME LEGAL EXPERTS
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WHO HANDLED THIS CASE IN 1972-73 PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF A DIPLO-

MATIC CLAIM BY THE US GOVERNMENT). SCAGLIA RETURNED TO SAY THAT THE OFFICE OF DIPLOMATIC CLAIMS HAS THE MATTER UNDER CURRENT REVIEW AND WILL PREPARE A RESPONSE TO OUR NOTE "IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE". HE ADDED THAT AT THE TIME THE WRITTEN RESPONSE IS READY TO BE HANDED OVER, SCIOLLA LA GRANGE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ORALLY WITH THE EMBASSY THE CONTENTS OF THEIR RESPONSE IN ORDER TO ELABORATE ON THE "BARE BONES" OF THIS FORMAL RESPONSE. WHEN PRESSED FOR A TIME FRAME, HE SAID THE RESPONSE WILL BE PREPARED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT HE WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY. VOLPE

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